

Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS)



MISSION

Provide world-class healthcare through deployable hospitals with standard state-of-the-art medical care equipment.

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Deployable Medical System (DEPMEDS) is comprised of medical equipment packaged into standardized modules for use by all services. There are three configurations of deployable hospitals under the Army's Medical Force 2000 reorganization: combat support hospitals, field hospitals, and general hospitals. Each is comprised of different standard DEPMEDS modules, such as operating rooms, laboratories, x-ray units, and patient wards.

DEPMEDS hospital sets standardize the use, throughout the Army and DoD, of the latest medical technology and equipment, expendable supplies, major non-medical support, tent-extendable modular personnel (TEMPER), tactical shelters, heating and air conditioning, and water distribution and waste water collection systems. DEPMEDS are the Army's combat health support. They are maintainable and relocatable, have modular configuration and quad-service compatibility, and are transportable by strategic air.

DEPMEDS hospital sets can be deployed under a full range of environmental conditions and achieve advances in equipping the Total Army. The total package fielding of DEPMEDS, initiated in 1987, was the largest fielding effort ever undertaken by the U.S. Army Medical Department. Sustainment and modernization occurs continuously to ensure that state-of-the-art health care capability is available to our warfighters. The Joint Readiness Clinical Advisory Board (Joint Service) ensures compatibility among the services. Ongoing equipment acquisition strategies correct battlefield deficiencies, both clinical and technical, identified by Army hospital commanders, and contribute to lessons learned.

FOREIGN COUNTERPART

No known foreign counterpart

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

Six mobile Army surgical hospitals (MASH) units were sold to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm.

PROGRAM STATUS

FY87-96 Conduct fielding.

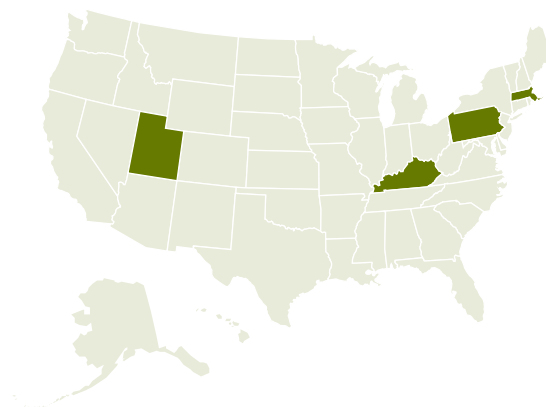
PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

Current Force XXI Medical Reengineering Initiative hospitals are being studied to reconfigure DEPMEDS hospitals in 84 and 164 bed slices by a combination of conversion and modernization. Additionally, incremental digitization of radiology and communication capabilities is ongoing for the Army Medical Department field medical force structure.

PRIME CONTRACTORS

Defense Service Center (Philadelphia, PA); Keco Industries (Florence, KY); North American Drager (Teleford, PA); Soldier System Support (Natick, MA)

Components are assembled into modules and hospital sets by the Defense Logistics Agency Defense Depot (Ogden, UT).



* See appendix for list of subcontractors

